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**Re: Sauget Sites Area 1 – May 31, 2000 Unilateral Administrative  
Order – Soil/Sediment Removal Action  
October 2, 2000 Update re Status of Access Agreements**

Dear Tom and Kevin:

Pursuant to the May 31, 2000 Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") between Solutia Inc. ("Solutia") and U.S. EPA, Solutia has been successful in obtaining access from thirteen (13) landowners for the soil and sediment removal work required under the UAO. Unfortunately, however, we have still been unable to obtain access from Emily Hankins or Ruan Transport Corporation.

In early September, we spoke with James Hankins, Emily Hankins' brother, regarding access to Emily Hankins' property. During this conversation, Mr. Hankins appeared willing to sign an access agreement for this property. Although we forwarded a new agreement for Ms. Hankins' property on September 11, 2000, we have not yet received a signed agreement. We are forwarding a new letter and access agreement today via certified mail.

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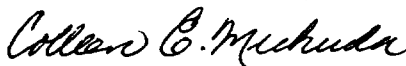
With respect to access to Ruan's property, we have traded voice mail messages with Dale Hermeling, Ruan's attorney, but have been unable to secure a signed agreement. We have provided Ruan with: (1) a detailed description of the work to be done; (2) diagrams of the work; and (3) the sampling results and analytical data from the Area 1 sampling activities performed on Ruan property. The receipt of this information was a prerequisite to Ruan's agreeing to provide access for the removal work. I sent Dale Hermeling an e-mail today in an attempt to focus Ruan's attention on this agreement this week.

Solutia will continue to work quickly to secure these remaining two access agreements. As always, we will keep you informed of our progress with respect to the Hankins and Ruan access agreements. We will provide you with another access update no later than November 1, 2000.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this update.

Very truly yours,

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